

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicant's present application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed August 24, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 70-72 and 75-78 stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Publication No. 20030101223A1 ("Pace") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,105,037 ("Kishi"). Claims 73 and 74 stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Publication No. 20030101223A1 ("Pace") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,105,037 ("Kishi") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,434,543 ("Goldberg"). Claims 70-78 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter


Examiner has adjudged Claims 46-69 and 79-81 allowable. Examiner's recognition of patentable subject matter is appreciated.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include an acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or any combination thereof in the Office Action. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below for prompt action in the event any issues remain.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

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